
Protocol PowerPlans are provider approved order sets that serve as a guide and resource for nursing or ancillary caregivers (e.g. respiratory therapist, dietitian, interventional technologist) to initiate patient care based on patient data and clinical outcomes.

Types of Protocol PowerPlans

Protocol PowerPlans are Joint Practice Protocols (JPPs) and other protocols. The patient must meet certain criteria for orders in Protocol PowerPlans to be activated.

➤ Joint Practice Protocols (JPPs)

- Patient Type/Unit-Based JPPs
 - Joint Practice Protocols are available throughout the hospital.
 - Examples: JPP Acute Rehab; JPP Interventional Lab; JPP Med-Surg Adult.
 - These protocols contain orders that can be used to improve patient comfort, address minor common concerns, and initiate testing if the patient's condition changes.
- Service Line-Specific JPPs
 - These are used by an ancillary team and contain orders for treatments for certain conditions.
 - Examples: JPP Nutrition Services; JPP Respiratory Therapy Adult; JPP Wound & Ostomy.
- ED JPPs
 - Emergency department nurses may initiate orders from a set of condition specific JPPs. These may only be used in the ED.
 - Click [here](#) for more information about Managing ED JPP PowerPlans.

➤ Other Protocols

- Other Protocol PowerPlans are available to assist with managing complex disease processes and/or clinical interventions.
 - Most often, Protocol PowerPlans are ordered as part of an admission or post-operative PowerPlan, and they can also be ordered separately.
 - Examples: Potassium Protocols; Magnesium Protocols; Insulin Protocols; Heparin Protocols.
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Viewing Available Protocol PowerPlan Orders

STEP 1: From a workflow MPage, navigate to the **Orders** component.

STEP 2: Click the **Orders** hyperlink.

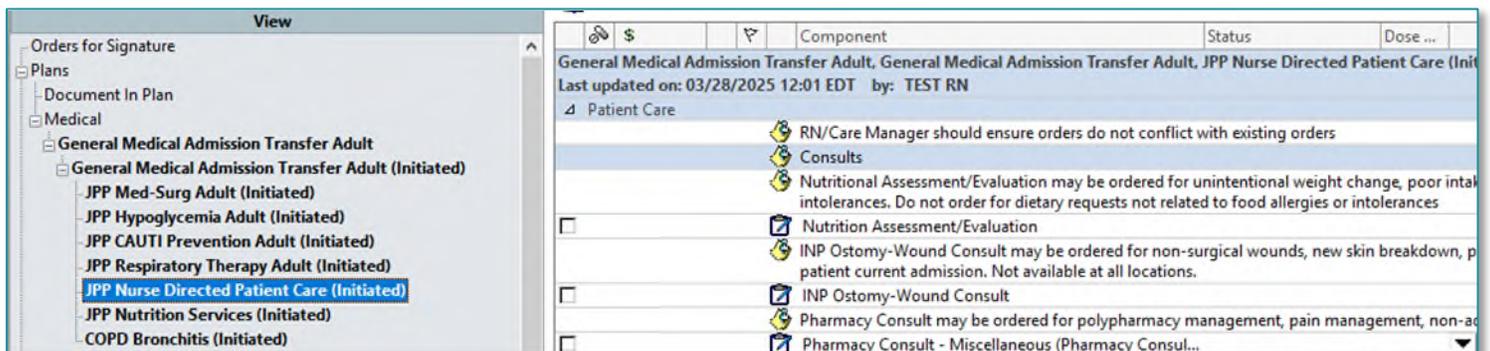
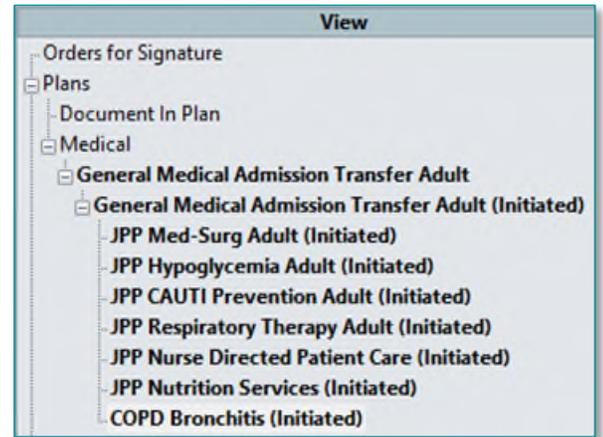
STEP 3: Available **Protocol PowerPlans** are listed in the view pane.

- PowerPlans must be in **(Initiated)** status before their orders can be used.

STEP 4: Click the **View Excluded Components** button at the top of the orders window to pull excluded components on view if necessary.



STEP 5: Click the name of Protocol PowerPlan in the view pane to view available orders.



Parts of a Protocol PowerPlan

Protocol PowerPlans require patients meet inclusion criteria and be assessed for exclusionary factors. Most Protocol PowerPlans contain instructions and links to reference materials to advise clinical or ancillary staff.

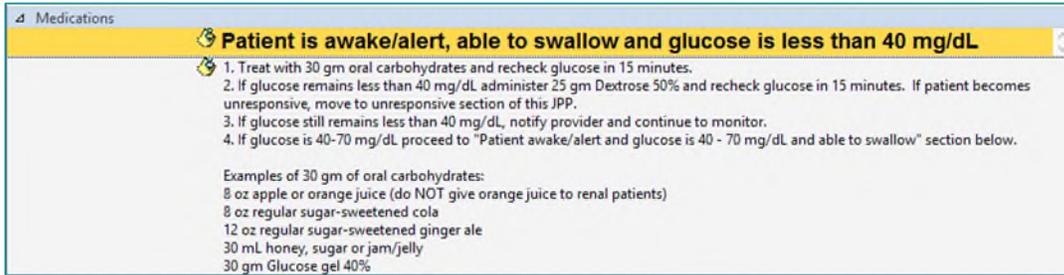
➤ Reference Text

- Available **Reference Text** is identified by the **Pages** icon.
- Select the **Pages** icon to launch the Decision Support window to view recommendations.
- Click hyperlink(s) to policies/procedures relating to the order(s) when available.



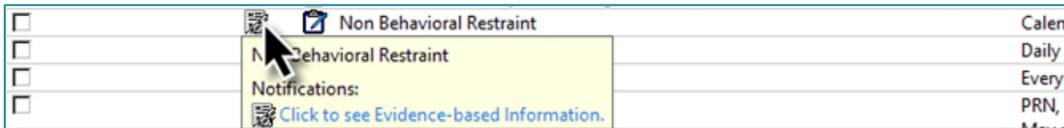
➤ Instructions

- Instructions, including inclusion/exclusion criteria, dosing guidelines, and other important details are denoted by a **post-it note** icon.



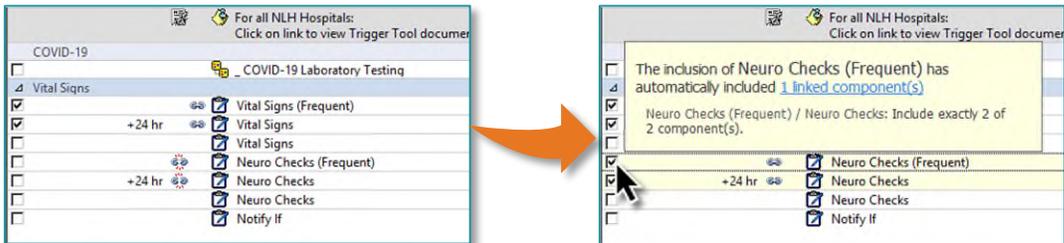
➤ Evidence-Based Information

- Evidence-based information is often available for screening tools, scales, and patient condition-based interventions. These are marked with the **notebook/chain** icon.



➤ Linked Orders

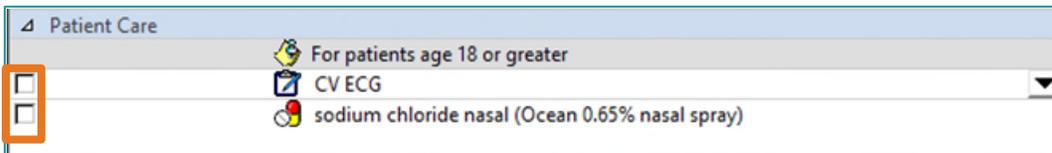
- Certain orders should be placed together. These are marked with **open chain link** icons.
- When a linked order is selected, any orders linked to it will be selected, as well.



- Note how the icon changes to the **closed** chain link icon.

➤ Available Inactive Orders

- Orders that have not yet been activated display with an open checkbox on the left.



➤ Active/Previously Used Orders

- Active orders display a checked gray box to the right and the name of the order displays as a blue hyperlink.



- Previously used, inactive orders display an unchecked gray box to the right and the name of the order displays as a blue hyperlink.

Using Protocol PowerPlan Orders

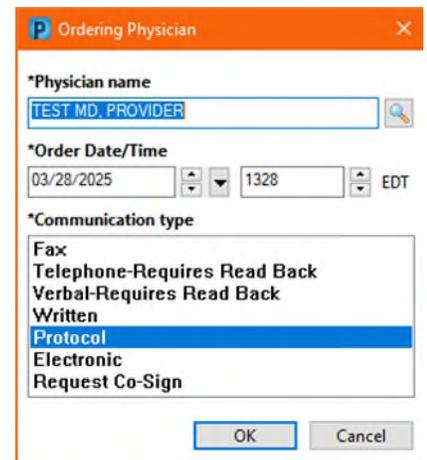


Review all instructions, reference text, and evidence-based information before using protocol orders. It's important that the patient meets the criteria for the order before an order is activated.

IMPORTANT: Be sure that **View Excluded Components** is turned on before attempting to use a Protocol PowerPlan. If in a sub-plan, it may be necessary to click **Return to PowerPlan** button to access the **View Excluded Components**  button.

➤ Activating an Available Inactive Order

- Click the checkbox to the left of the order.
- In the **Ordering Physician** the **Physician Name** defaults to the ordering provider and the **Communication type** defaults to **Protocol**. Click **OK**.
- Unless otherwise specified within a PowerPlan, **do not modify** the Order Details when using a protocol.
- Click **Orders for Signature**, then click **Sign**.

A screenshot of a software dialog box titled 'Ordering Physician'. It contains several fields: a text box for '*Physician name' with 'TEST MD. PROVIDER' entered; a date and time field for '*Order Date/Time' showing '03/28/2025' and '1328' EDT; and a list for '*Communication type' with options: Fax, Telephone-Requires Read Back, Verbal-Requires Read Back, Written, Protocol (highlighted in blue), Electronic, and Request Co-Sign. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom.

➤ Activating a Previously Used Order

- It is often necessary to re-use orders in a Protocol PowerPlan. This is especially true for PowerPlans where an intervention is based on a lab result such as the Potassium and Magnesium Protocols.
- To re-use an order, right-click and select **Copy**.
- In the **Ordering Physician** the **Physician Name** defaults to the ordering provider and the **Communication type** defaults to **Protocol**. Click **OK**.
- Unless otherwise specified within a PowerPlan, **do not modify** the Order Details when using a protocol.
- Click **Orders for Signature** then click **Sign**.

